

WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

Authorization: s. 287.25, Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 548, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2003-2004 Fiscal Year = \$500,000
2004-2005 Fiscal Year = \$500,000

Objective: To provide financial assistance to initiate or accelerate the demonstration of innovative waste reduction and recycling ideas which could potentially be expanded to have a major impact on reducing the amount of solid waste landfilled or treated.

Eligibility: Wisconsin counties, municipalities, public entities, businesses and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. The applicant must provide evidence of having the technical ability, experience and financial support necessary to successfully carry out the project. Projects for which funding is requested must implement reduction, reuse or recycling of solid waste, must be conducted on a demonstration or pilot scale, and must be innovative to the industry or the state (except for projects applying under the RFP portion of the program).

Level of Assistance: The maximum grant award is \$150,000 or 50% of the total eligible costs of the project (75% of the total eligible costs for community-wide waste reduction demonstration projects), whichever is less. The applicant must match the grant in cash or through in-kind contributions such as labor, equipment, or facilities. Grant recipients may receive 75% of the grant amount initially and the remainder upon approval of the final project report and final audited costs by the DNR.

Priorities: The program funds solid waste reduction, reuse and recycling projects that contribute to the reduction of solid waste being landfilled or treated.

Eligible Types of Projects: A project must demonstrate an innovative technique, process, or system, must be conducted on a pilot scale which could have applicability to others in Wisconsin, and must contribute to reducing the amount of solid waste landfilled.

Applications: Applications are due August 1 of each year with grants being awarded by November 1. Applications must be made on forms provided by the DNR.

History: Since 1991, the program has funded 174 projects totaling more than \$11 million.

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